

FC71. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS: WARD 3 – DENNY AND BANKNOCK

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive setting out proposals to change two polling districts in Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock.

The polling scheme for ward 3 comprised 7 polling districts, with 7 polling places and 15 polling stations contained therein. The scheme had been reviewed following Council's approval of planning permission for the development of 307 new homes at Mydub Farm in Denny which were likely to generate 450-600 additional electors.

Two options for review had been developed for consideration by the Council. These were:-

- Option 1 – allocate the new housing to polling district FW316 and use the new distributor road as the southern boundary. The polling place for this polling district is Nethermains Primary School, where the electorate statistics would increase to approximately 4,600 and would necessitate a 5th polling station within an already busy polling place, depending on the type of election and the anticipated turnout.
- Option 2 – allocate the new development to polling district FW321, using the southern boundary of the existing development in Demoreham Avenue as the northern boundary. The polling place for this polling district is the Archibald Russell Centre, where the electorate would increase to approximately 3,300.

Two further suggestions had been made. Firstly, that some form of traffic management be put in place on polling days in the area around the Archibald Russell Centre and Head of Muir Primary School and, secondly, that the Community Fire Station in Denny be considered as an alternative polling place to Nethermains Primary School. It was proposed that the latter suggestion should be considered as part of the next full review of polling districts and polling places in October 2018.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- (1) note the terms of the report and the comments received following consultation with the elected members for Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock;
- (2) note the proposal to investigate further the suggestion of traffic management on polling days at the Archibald Russell Centre, subject to Head of Muir Primary School remaining open on these days;
- (3) note the proposal to consider the use of the Community Fire Station in Denny as an alternative polling place to Nethermains Primary School, potentially as part of the next full review, and
- (4) use the Archibald Russell Centre, Haypark Road, Dennyloanhead, as the polling place for the new development at Mydub Farm, Glasgow Road, Denny and to amend the polling scheme for polling district FW321 to reflect this change.